MUSCLES HELP MYERS

Elmer Myers Worked in Blacksmith's Shop When a Boy.

Manager Connie Mack Says Youngel le Greatest Pitcher He Ever Developed—Has Splendid Control and Curve Ball.

Muscles developed as a kid puffing bellows and massaging the anvil in his dad's blacksmith shop in New York Springs, Adams county, Pennsylvania, are making Elmer Myers famous.

Myers is the greatest young pitcher I have ever developed. Better than Plank, Bender or Coombs? Yes, sir! Myers does not know as much about pitching as these old stars, but right today he is a better pitcher than any of them were in their prime."

That is Connie Mack's tribute to the graduate blacksmith.

The youngster is a right-hander, stands six feet three inches tall, and has a long pair of arms, which aid him in getting closer to the batsman before he lets the ball go out of his hand.

The youngster has splendid control a corking curve ball and a graceful



Elmer Myers.

easy delivery, which gets the ball over the plate almost before the batter realizes it. In three games against Washington. Detroit and St. Louis in the made off him.

Mack predicts that before the end of next season Myers will rank with Walter Johnson and Grover Alexan-

GEORGE SISLER'S GREAT AIN

Took Up Baseball Because of Finan cial Returns-Will Devote Time in Winter to Engineering.

"I took up professional baseball after receiving a diploma in mechanical engineering at the



Michigan because the financial returns were there." remarked George Sisler of the St Louis Browns, the other day. "A man starting in s profession finds it hard at first, as money comes in slowly and there is much work and WOITY. "I intend to use

University of

the winter months to advantage, however, by keeping in touch with George Sister. engineering. Baseball is a grand game and I want to get

to the top if possible. At the present rate, I think I can retire in 12 years with a fortune.

"One thing: I will never play in the minors. As soon as I start to slow down I will quit, and then see what I can do with mechanical engineering."

BASEBALL IS POPULAR GAME

With Recent Abolition of Bull Fight ing Mexicans Take Up Great American Pastime

Baseball is rapidly becoming the most popular sport in northern Mex-Hundreds of nines have been organised in the various cities in the last year, and it is frequently predict-ed that, with the recent abolition of bull fighting, baseball may become the national sport of the country.

In Juares, Chihuahua, Jimines and Parral, each Sunday afterpoon sees many corner-lot games in progress. Americans living in the republic have introduced the game and taught the natives the fundamental rules. In Juares and Chihuahua there are semiprofessional, uniformed nines, playing in leagues with regular schedules. In cities more distant from the border the players frequently appear on the diamonds in tattered uniforms, dis-carded by soldiers of the various factions whose strife has torn Mexico for ave years.

FEAT OF LAST WORLD'S SERIES OUTDONE



PARTICIPANTS IN GREAT BASEBALL PLAYS.

PITCHER POSTER

John McGraw denies the report that

Babe Adains was turned loose by

the Pirates just when the Pittsburgh

fans were beginning to call him Pop.

American league race bids fair to be one of those battles that keeps the

fans in their seats until the last game

Connie Mack has only Amos Strunk,

Manager Joe Tinker and Pitcher

Mordecul Brown are the only remaining

players at present members of the

famous Cub outfit of a few years ago.

Eighteen pitchers have been se-

cured by the Cleveland American

league club for next season. It is ex-

pected many more will be added from

President Heinemann of the New

Orleans Southern league club has

announced the sale to the Cleveland

Americans of Pitcher Clarence Smith

Catcher Henry De Berry, and Outfield-

Clarence Mitchell, the Cincinnati

southpaw, is one of the best hitting

pitchers in the major leagues, and

Mathewson is said to be considering

the idea of converting him into an out-

Irving Kantlehner of the Pirates is

the real hard-luck pitcher of the year.

which not a run has been scored by his

Lew McCarty may not be a satis-

factory first baseman, but he certain-

ly has shown the batting punch this

season. In 60 games, according to

one set of averages kept, he has bat-

ted .828, thus being the leader of his

New Yorks is the veteran backstop,

Ed Sweeney. Sweeney has been catch

ing finely for Roger Bresnahan's To-

ledo team this year and is counted

among the real come-backs of the

FRENCH TO ADOPT BASEBALL

McGraw Says Outbreak of War Pre-

nted Taking Up of Our Game-Are Natural Sportsmen.

"Had it not been for the outbreak of the war," said John McGraw recently,

"I believe the French people would have taken up baseball very strongly.

The citizens in Paris were quite ep-

thusiastic when we visited that city on the trip around the world, and we would have drawn an immense throng

but for a cold, heavy rain which fell

all that day.
"It would not be surprising to me to

see France adopt the game at the close

of the hostilities, as they are great natural sportsmen. Look at the man-

ner in which they took to boxing and

the short time in which they produced

good fighters of their own,"

He has lost nine games this season is

team mates. In one of these games he

er Milo Allison.

allowed but four hits.

league with the stick.

fielder.

which to finally select the staff.

outfielder, and Stuffy McInnis, of his

is played.

With seven teams in the hunt, the

he contemplates retiring from baseball.

The most sensational play of the last world's series was outdone in the first inning of a recent Indian-White Sox game when Chick Gandii deflected Fournier's smash to Ivan Howard and then raced back to first in time to take Howard's throw

That gave Gandil both an assist and putout on the same out at first.

In the big series Dode Paskert was the victim of a putout which fairly made spectators and scribes bubble over with enthusiasm. Hoblitsell, Red Sox first sacker, deflected the smash, and Second Sacker Jack Barry fielded it one-handed to Pitcher Foster, who covered first. In this Indian play, Gandil not only had a furious smash to deflect, but he

had to use a quick noodle in turning back to first instead of dashing after

PIRATES TWICE BUY BIGBEE

CHICK ONNOIL

First Signed in 1914 and Let Go Without Even So Much as Trial-Now Costs \$5,000.

Along in 1914 a youngster named Bigbee was proving a sensation with the baseball team of the University of Oregon and a crafty and far-seeing Pittsburgh scout signed him—and then omebody back in Pittsburgh released him without even so much as a trial. The youngster finished school and west out to make his way in baseball. A couple of weekstago the Pittsburgh club paid \$5,000 to Tacoma for his contract. He is the same Carson Bigbee released by Pitts urgh without a looking over in 1914. The scouts who have watched his work say he is not a second Ty Cobb, but rather he is a econd Willie Keeler. He is a little fellow, fast as a flash, who can hit, run and field, and unless the dope is all wrong he should be a star in the twelve hits were game for some time to come.

SEVEN HITS IN SINGLE GAME ing with the squad he is trying to re-

Robinson Performed That Feat While Playing With Balti-more Twenty-Four Years Ago.

How many baseball fans ever witessed a player making seven hits in a game? Not many, for there have been very few instances that a player ever accomplished the feat. The only man who ever performed that unusual stunt in the National league was Wilbur Robinson, then with Baltimore and



now manager of the Brooklyn leaders in the National league race. It was in 1892 when "Robby" made his seven straight hits in a game against St. Louis. In this contest the Baltimore team scored 25 runs on 25 hits, against four runs made by St. Louis. One of Robinson's hits was a double, but he

was not much faster than he is now,

for all he could do was to score a single run during the game. CONNIE MACK IS CONFIDENT

Great Team in the Making, Says Ath-letic Leader—Disappointed in Showing of Recruits.

"I have everything I own tied up in the Athletics, and am doing what I know is best. I believe I know the baseball business, and am coming back with a greater team than ever before." That's what Connie Mack says of his

"I don't believe in building up a ball team as other managers do, and therefore I care nothing about the charges made by critics. I have the founda-

tion for a great club right now.
"I admit that I am disappointed at the showing of several of my recruits and a few of the veterans, but we have others coming who will fill the bill if these youngsters fall."

HARD TO GET STARTED

Eddie Cicotte Had Much Trouble in Landing in Majors.

Famous "Knuckle" Ball Artist Was Ambitious to Play With Detroit Tigers-Made Reputation in Western League Circuit.

Eddle Cicotte, the famous slab artist of the White Sox, had his full share of ups and downs before he finally succeeded in breaking into the majors to stay awhile. "Knuckles" was born in Detroit 32 years ago and it was the ambition of his youth to land a job with the Tigers of his native city, but he didn't succeed. After making a name for himself with semipro clubs in Detroit and with the Calumet club, Eddle was given a tryout by the Striped Cats, but Bill Armour, after looking over Cicotte's wares, sent him off to Augusta, Ga. Having won 15 games to nine lost in the Sal circuit, Eddie was recalled to Detroit in August, but was released to Indianapolis the following season. He had but a brief stay in Hoosierdom and was then turned over to Des Moines, winning



Eddie Cicotte.

18 games and losing half as many. At the close of the Western league season Eddie was recalled by the Tigers, but was sent back to the West-ern in 1907, landing with the Lincoin club. It was while twirling in Bill Bryan's town that Eddie made a reputation that insured a major league berth. He won 23 games and lost only ten for the Nebraska capital, and the Red Sox nabbed him. He remained with the Bostonians until the middle of the 1912 season, making a good record, when he was transferred to the Comiskey clan.

LARRY CHENEY USES SPITTER

Brooklyn Pitcher Relates First Experience With Curve Ball-Will Ex-

"I pitched my first curve ball inethe National league during our last trip to Pittsburgh," said Larry Cheney, one of Brooklyn's star pitchers, the other day. "I have never had a curve, and every player and mana-

"I have always

depended on my

ter-and using

my head, but I

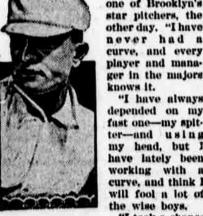
have lately been

working with a

curve, and think !

will fool a lot of

the wise boys.



Larry Cheney.

"I took a chanc in the fifth inning against Pittsburgh when Bob Harmon was up, with two out, and we were four runs to the good. I offered Bob as nice a curve as you ever saw. He came near making a hit off me, but McCarty made a great play and retired him. I'll try the experiment again."

NO PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM

Manager Mathewson of Cincinnati Se-lects Locker in Main Room With Other Players.

Christy Mathewson had just signed his contract as manager of the Reds. His next move was to visit the clubhouse in the Cincinnati park. The trainer, Doc Hoskins, acting as pilot Among the players recalled by the to the old master, paused in his march to explain.

"There's the manager's private dressing room and office," he said. opening the door of the quarters which had been sacred to Herzog.

"Never mind that room, Doc," Matty quickly replied. "I shan't need it. Just give me a locker out in the main room with the rest of the boys. I'm a player and I want to be with the other players."

HASBROOK GOOD AS PITCHER

ner Muscatine Star Infielder Proves Successful as Twirler Against Cedar Rapids.

Ziggey Hasbrook, the star infielder the Muscatine Central association club, who was purchased by the Chi-White Sox a few days ago, tried his hand on the mound and proved success as a pitcher when he shut out the Cedar Rapids club recently in the second game of a double header 10 to 0. Hasbrook took to the mound like a regular twirler and let his opponents down with one hit.

BOSTON BRAVES ARE AN EXPENSIVE LOT



BASEBALL MEN WHO RECEIVE BIG MONEY.

The Boston National league club does not exploit the fact in the papers, but it is true, nevertheless, that the Braves' pay roll is probably the largest of any club in either major league.

Percy D. Haughton pulls down a princely salary as president of the club to represent the wealthy Boston men who are associated with him in the ownership of the team. Then there is Manager George T. Stallings, who last spring signed a five-year contract with the present owners at \$18,000 per year. Johnny Evers, captain of the team, is pulling down \$10,000 in addition to all sorts of bonuses, while First Baseman Konetchy, ranking next, is good for \$9,000. The entire pay roll for the season is probably very close to \$150,-000, or \$12,500 every semimonthly pay day during the six months of the championship season.

BYRON'S QUICK TONGUE

Bill'Byron, the National league

umpire, has a quick tongue. He

was accosted by a fan after a

recent game between the Card-

inals and Dodgers, and the fan

cision on Daubert in the second

the singing arbiter, "but in the

course of a year I make about

500,000 decisions in umpiring 154

games, and if I miss only one in

Club Owners in Western League Ex-

press Willingness to Make Him

Next President.

a game I'm a great umpire."

"Bill, I think you missed a de-

"Well, perhaps I did," replied

remarked:

inning."

Batsmen say Bob Groom is better than he ever was.

The Dodgers look like real winners to New York and Brooklyn scribes.

The St. Louis Browns possess a batting punch to help out their pitchers.

Several scouts are said to be angling for Leo Witter, the Newark outfielder,

We don't know who the father of baseball is, but we bet he was always turned down for world's series tickets.

Honus Wagner spoke a mouthful

when he said that many a ball player

declines because he doesn't decline enough. Frank Gilhooley has discarded his crutches and is now able to use the

foot which he injured at Washington on July 3. When Rariden is through with base ball he ought to make a good waiter. He gets more free passes than any

other player. McGraw denies the report that he proposes to quit the Glants at the close of the 1917 season. The Giants

quit McGraw last year. "Remember that umpires are human," advises the New York Evening Sun. So are burglars, highway robbers and other malefactors.

"Miller Huggins," we read, "has done well with the Cardinals under the cir-cumstances." The circumstances are that they are the Cardinals.

An expert steps to but with the statement that a player wears out his effectiveness if retained too long on one club. For instance, there's Hans Wagner.

Silk O'Loughlin says he got his nickname when he was a kid and wore silky ringlets on his dome. Always thought it was because all the players say his decisions are as fine as silk.

MUST PLAY TO WIN PENNANT

Many People Outside of Washington Would Like to See Championship Team in That City.

A good many people outside

Washington would be glad to see the paseball team from that city win a pennant. Washington is one of the oldest baseball towns in the United States. It has had a team for time mmemorial and it has never yet shown in front. It would seem that the time spent in the national pastime and the loyalty of the people back of the team ought almost to be enough to warrant a pennant for that city says Milwaukee Sentinel. Unfortunately, perhaps, pennants have to be won in other ways.

IOHNSON TO TEST SPITBALL

American League Batters Hoping H Doesn't Employ Moist Delivery as Regular Thing.

Walter Johnson is cultivating a spit you so hard?' he asked. oall, according to his catcher, Eddle "'Why, your catcher gave his sig-American league batters are hoping nals without attempting to conceal

the speed king doesn't employ the moist delivery as a regular thing for, if he ever gains control, there'll not be an unhinged spine in the league in three months.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citi-sens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Galaxy of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the eading self-sustaining clubs of Chi-

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club-3659 Douglas boule-

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Com-

merce building. Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bidg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S.

Michigan ave. Chicago Architectural, Art Insti-

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth

Buren street.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and an Buren street. Chicago Cycling, 1615, 87 Bast Van

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe et. City Club, 315 Plymouth court. Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Tacht, foot of Randolph street. Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place. Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st.

Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan AVODUS. Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle He-

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bidg., 17th floor. Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.

Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building. Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue. South Shore Country, lake shore

and 67th street. Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. BOOST FOR MANAGER ISBELL Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dear-

> Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th Swedish Club of Chicago, 1258 La Twentieth Century, 3246 Michigan

ball righto that Frank "Izzy" Isbell, the former White Sox, now head of Union League, Jackson boulevard the Des Moines club of the Western and Federal street. league, has been suggested as the next University, Michigan avenue and

Monroe street. A. T. Koehne of 1100 Webster avenue, is frequently mentioned for Alderman of the Twenty-fourth ward, al-

though he is not looking for any office John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street.

makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods. Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he

board of education to corporation counsel. Thomas D. Nash would make a splendid Judge of the Municipal Court. He is a thorough lawyer and

has the training temperament and

all the accessories that go to make

ever filled from president of the

good judge. The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuc is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at

Matt Aller would make a good City Treasurer. He is a sterling Democrat and has worked hard to put many good men into public office.

wholesale, to the trade and retail to

private individuals.

Henry Stuckart made a good record as City Treasurer, a good record as South Town assessor and a good record as alderman. He certainly will make a good record as county treasurer.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright

Edward J. Birk, the well known brower, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

John Z. Vogelsang is the dean of Chicago restaurant men.

CUBS HOME GAMES.

September 30, October 1....St. Louis

head of the league.

They beat us 26 to 6.

"'No,' I replied.

Frank lebell.

president of the Western league. Ru-

mor has it that several of the club

owners of the league have already ex-

ressed a willingness to make him the

Isbell has had years of experience

JEFF TESREAU'S FIRST GAME

Catcher Gave Signals Without Any At-

tempt to Conceal Them-Browns

Hit Him Hard.

"The first time I ever saw a profes

donal ball team," said Jeff Tesreau.

was when the Browns came down to

Fredericksburg, Mo., to play an ama-

teur team for which I pitched, in 1907.

"Later when I was in the Interna

tional league, Joe Yeager, formerly

with the Browns and then with Mon-

treal, recognized me as the kid who

had pitched against St. Louis that

"Did you know the reason we hi

them, and they were as plain as day

to us. All the batters knew what to

expect, and we were almost ashamed to beat you that way.'"

in the game, and is very popular.